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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Taeko HAYASE et al.	Conf.:	3991
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 30, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 30, 2006, applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

Claims 1 and 18 are amended.

Claim 10 is cancelled.

New claims 24 and 25 are added.